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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: David D. Lamm

DATE: June 24, 1985

THRU: Ralph C. Pickard

FROM: Earl A. Bohner

SUBJECT: Bendix Plant, Franklin

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I'm afraid your file information on this case is not current and is therefore misleading. Subsequent testing by both the water company and our laboratory showed that the wells are not contaminated with cyanide as the initial water company tests indicated (lab error).

In addition, initial on-site monitoring well tests for VOCs are also thought to be invalid since some wells were drilled through highly contaminated soil and that improper sampling was done. This testing was done prior to any state involvement. Allied Corporation has since hired another geotechnical consultant. At this point, there is no valid evidence of on- or off-site deep groundwater contamination.

The surrounding residential area is served with public water; and Allied, along with the water company and the County Health Department are double checking to see whether anyone still has a private well.

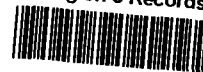
It is fully our intent to see that any groundwater contamination potential is remedied as indicated in the second paragraph of our letter to Mr. Renkes and as verbally stated to Allied Corporation.

I believe it would be a mistake to try to include this site on the National Priorities List at this time since we have a responsible party willing, so far, to do whatever is necessary to effect a remedy. We will be glad to work with your office on the scope and adequacy of such a proposed remedy.

By the way, Mr. Carter's phone number is still 633-8467, should your staff desire to clarify matters before writing memos.

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cc: Jeff Eads

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